

March 25, 00

Dear Ms Henney,
I am a veteran of WW I P 4775 ~~100 MAY 1947~~ ~~ADK~~ the invasion of Okinawa. I say this to put my opinion on a ruling that you have been asked to make. It is whether or not to allow Mail Order hearing aid Companies to Continue in business. I have had poor hearing, God knows how long, & it may have even Come from WW II. Since there was no claim, I have no rights to make a claim. I do not have a pension from the Gov't nor from a business. The Cost of hearing aids is far out of reach for many people like myself. I purchased one, but was told I need 2. I am thankful that I was able to afford a "mail Order hearing Aid for my right ear. We were Constantly reminded of all the "Rights" that we fought for. Here I am, now, 50+ years later faced with, what I consider "a right", asking you to allow me to buy what I want! Somehow! I don't think, Something is right here. Don't you agree?

Respectfully
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Attention FDA

It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Signed by: James J. Blatthauer Date: 3-24-00